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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EC ON UNGA SESSIONS THIS FALL

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1. BELGIAN EC PRESIDENCY ACCEPTS SEPTEMBER 7 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH MESSRS. BOSWORTH, FRANK, HELMAN AND ALBRECHT.
2. CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD AT FOREIGN MINISTRY IN MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON SESSIONS. ECONOMIC TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED FIRST IN ORDER TO PERMIT MESSRS. BOSWORTH AND FRANK TO LEAVE FOR PARIS IN AMPLE TIME TO ATTEND DINNER THE EVENING OF THE 7TH.

3. PRESIDENCY WILL FURNISH US WITH A LIST OF THEIR PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC PRIOR TO THE CONSULTATIONS. EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL ACCOMPANY DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO ALL SESSIONS.
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4. PRESIDENCY ACCEPTED LIST OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION PROVIDED PARA 4 REFTEL, BUT SUGGESTED THAT ILO ALSO BE DISCUSSED (SEE PARA 5 BELOW). THEY MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON CERTAIN PROPOSED TOPICS:

(A) SOUTHERN AFRICA - IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING APARTHEID,

NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA, PRESIDENCY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE HORN OF AFRICA AND GET LATEST USG VIEWS ON EVENTS THERE.

(B) MIDDLE EAST- PRESIDENCY WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE LATEST USG VIEWS.

(C) HUMAN RIGHTS - PRESIDENCY WILL PROVIDE BRIEFING ON INITIATIVES IT PLANS FOR THE UN. FOCUS OF THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE ON UN RATHER THAN ON CSCE CONFERENCE AT BELGRADE.

(D) SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT - THE NINE WILL HAVE AN EXPERTS LEVEL MEETING ON AUGUST 29 AND THE PRESIDENCY WILL BE PREPARED TO GIVE A RUNDOWN OF THE DELIBERATIONS. THE PRESIDENCY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE NINE'S THINKING ON REGIONAL DISARMAMENT, WHICH THE EC IS STUDYING.

WE WILL FURNISH ANY COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENCY ON THE ECONOMIC TOPICS LISTED REFTEL AND ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON POLITICAL TOPICS AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THEM.

5. PRESIDENCY SUGGESTED THAT, IN VIEW OF HIGH LEVEL OF EC INTEREST IN QUESTION OF U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ACCEPT THIS TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION. CHAMBERS

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